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## Harper vows new text, fuel protections

**CAMPAIGN** Prime Minister Stephen Harper vowed yesterday to curb Internet abuses, outlaw charges for unsolicited commercial text messages, and send more inspectors out to check gas pump accuracy.

"Whether it's spam, price-fixing, gas-pump tampering or anti-competitive behaviour — Canadian consumers expect their governments to take action and achieve results," the Conservative leader said in Victoria.

The Conservatives would prevent telecom companies from charging customers fees for receiving unsolicited commercial text messages. A decision by telecom giants Bell and Telus to charge consumers receiving those messages prompted a public uproar this summer.

Harper also promised to ensure that drivers are not overcharged by increasing inspections of retail gasoline pumps and increasing fines for offending gasoline and home-heating vendors.

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## March Taking back the night



Hundreds of women and their male supporters conducted an evening march through the streets of Ottawa last night in a bid to Take Back the Night. The 30th annual city march is designed to bring attention to the ongoing problem of violence against women. **Story page 2**

# Youth's terror charge sticks

In a landmark decision yesterday, a judge ruled there was overwhelming evidence that a teen belonged to a homegrown terrorist group that planned to storm Parliament Hill and behead the Prime Minister of Canada.

The young man, who was 17 at the time of his arrest, was accused of attending two terrorist training camps and stealing items for the so-called Toronto 18. He displayed no emotion when the verdict was read in a Brampton court.

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Justice John Sproat

derstood that the camps were training for a terrorist purpose," said Justice John Sproat. "He also understood that contributing materials to be used at the camp enhanced the ability of the group to conduct the training."

Prominent in the judge's decision was the testimony of paid police agent Mubin Shaikh, who had come under attack from Crown

prosecutors when they accused their own star witness of fabricating evidence to protect the youth.

But Sproat said Shaikh was credible, adding, "I found him to be a truthful and generally reliable witness."

"I am satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that a terrorist group existed," he said, disagreeing with the defence that an alleged terror plot amounted to the "mus-

ings and fantasies" of a deluded ringleader.

Group members are accused of ordering fertilizer to build truck bombs, constructing a remote-control detonator and scouting a safe house to store weapons and harbour terrorists.

The youth's conviction marks the first decision under Canada's new anti-terrorism laws.

The courtroom was filled with supporters from the Muslim community, including relatives of the adult co-accused, who left weeping.

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## Masked man uses machete in robberies

**INVESTIGATION** A masked, machete-wielding suspect held up a downtown pizza parlour and a convenience store just down the street from each other early yesterday morning.

Gatineau police say they are seeking the same suspect in both cases after a man armed with a 12-inch machete held up a Pizza 1-4-1 store at 355 Greber Boulevard and, later, an Ultramar gas station at 320 Greber Boulevard.

At 12:35 a.m., a machete-wielding man wearing a mask barged through the rear door of the Pizza 1-4-1 outlet. "He said 'give me cash,' in French," Constable Isabelle Poirier said.

The two employees fled the store. The suspect left the store empty-handed through the back door. Because the employees heard a vehicle, police believe the suspect fled in a car, Poirier said.

Just down the street at 2:10 a.m., a suspect armed with a machete approached a male employee outside of the Ultramar gas station at 320 Greber Boulevard.

"He said, 'give me cash,' in French and the employee went inside the store with the suspect and gave him money," said Poirier.

Police do not know how much cash the suspect received.

There were no injuries in either incident.

In both incidents, the suspect wore a balaclava and was armed with a machete. He is between 20 and 25 years old, about 5'10" tall and 160 pounds. He was wearing dark-coloured clothes at the time.

Anyone with information can contact Gatineau police at 819-243-2345, ext. 6079.

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Police and emergency services workers will square off in The Punch Up at Parliament — a 10-bout sanctioned amateur boxing event supporting the CPA-Robert Warner Memorial Fund. It runs Saturday starting at 4 p.m. at the Lansdowne Park Coliseum Building. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Ottawa



## Housing rising

Ottawa was one of 10 Canadian housing markets that saw an upswing in the sale of luxury homes (or homes valued at \$750,000 or more, for Ottawa market purposes). In Ottawa this year, 135 such luxury homes have been sold, compared to 99 last year — a 36 per cent increase. **RE/MAX UPPER-END REPORT**

## Grits pledge city infrastructure cash

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### Election 2008

**Ottawa's Liberal candidates said yesterday they'd bring investments of over \$500 million to the city's infrastructure if in government, and blasted the Conservatives for ignoring transit needs.**

Five of the city's Liberal candidates — Penny Collette (Ottawa Centre), David McGuinty (Ottawa South), Marc Godbout (Ottawa-Orleans), Ed Mahfouz (Nepean-Carleton) and David Pratt (Ottawa West Nepean) — banded together yesterday at the Carleton University O-Train station to highlight their party's \$70-billion, 10-year plan to boost infrastructure and sell its potential benefits for Ottawa.

The Liberals were critical of John Baird, who withheld \$200 million in feder-

al funding for a previous light rail plan in Ottawa. The incoming council then cancelled the contract and devised the new plan.

Ottawa has been underfunded for two-and-a-half years under the Conservatives, McGuinty charged. "We will fight for the people of Ottawa, to make sure you get the services you deserve and the infrastructure we need," he said.

Other candidates spoke about the necessity of expanding transit in their ridings. "There is life beyond Blair Road and this Liberal team will make sure nobody forgets it," said Godbout.

Added Mahfouz: "Nepean-Carleton is a fast-growing riding, but no one is fighting for rapid transit, roads, bridges and other



Ottawa South Liberal candidate David McGuinty, right, speaks yesterday while Ottawa West Nepean Liberal candidate David Pratt looks on. The party promised \$500 million for infrastructure.

services we need."

Ottawa Centre's Conservative candidate, Brian McGarry, responded to the criticism yesterday, saying

all area Tories want to extend the city's Rapid Transit Network and will commit to additional funding. The party has \$200 mil-

lion on the table for the city, along with a \$35 million pledge to help the construction of Strandherd Bridge.

### Riders' review

While local Liberal candidates were outlining transit plans to Ottawans yesterday, the city's only NDP incumbent boarded city buses to find out what residents want from public transportation.

Paul Dewar (Ottawa Centre) conducted a transit tour yesterday to ask riders what they think Ottawa needs to fix within its system, saying he knows there are improvements to be made.

A regular transit user himself, Dewar said the NDP have pledged \$137.9 million over four years for Ottawa's public transit.

He said Ottawa's share of a rededication of one-cent per litre of gas tax would net \$73.6 million for transit locally and said the city's portion of transit revenue from the NDP cap-and-trade plan would mean an extra \$64.3 million over four years.

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## Cop charged with drunk driving

**CHARGES** An Ottawa police officer has been charged with impaired driving in Gatineau.

City police confirmed yesterday that Ottawa Constable Martin Dompierre has been charged in relation to a July 18 incident. He faces one charge each of impaired operation of a motor vehicle and operation with over 80 mgs of al-

cohol in 100 mls of blood.

He was released on a promise to appear in court, and will appear Oct. 10. The officer was reassigned within patrol operations on July 22.

Police's Professional Standards Section has begun an investigation and charges may be laid under the Police Services Act.

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### News in brief

**FATAL** A 41-year-old victim of a motorcycle collision earlier this week has succumbed to his injuries. The man, who crashed his motorcycle on Maloney Boulevard at Laurel Street at

around 6:40 p.m. Tuesday, died in hospital on Wednesday. Police have not released the man's name and are still interviewing witnesses concerning the crash. **METRO OTTAWA**

## City women march against violence

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**"There is nowhere near the equality that we need."**

Erin Williams

After 30 years of Taking Back the Night, violence against women remains as much an issue today as in 1978, when 80 women held the inaugural march through the streets of Ottawa, participants say.

"We have made some progress, but I would say there is a long way to go still," said Erin Williams, an executive with the Ottawa Coalition to End Violence against Women. "There is nowhere near the equality that we need;

nowhere near the awareness, which is why these events are so important."

Hundreds of women marched down Elgin Street to bring the issue to the forefront.

This year, a number of well-publicized extreme incidents of violence against women added a sense of urgency for participants.

In June alone, three city women were murdered in

the span of less than two weeks. On June 1, Alicia Bateman, 28, was murdered in her Orleans home by an ex-fiancé. Three days later, 39-year-old Pamela Kosmack's body was discovered on a bike path near Britannia Park. A week later, Lien Angelis, 42, was allegedly murdered by her husband. In July, Cathleen Lavoie, a 44-year-old mother of three, was shot by her boyfriend.

"Those are highly sensationalized incidents (but) they are real and it happens at all levels," said Carleton University student Malorie Moore.

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**OC Transpo driver charged**  
An OC Transpo bus travelling eastbound on Highway 417 Tuesday struck the Jersey barrier while approaching Woodroffe station. Chang Chun Zhao, 43, was charged with an unsafe lane change. **OPP**

# Fuel spill closes city road

The Ministry of Environment is investigating after nearly 500 litres of diesel fuel spilled into a ditch when a tractor-trailer collided with a van in the city's rural east end yesterday.

According to Ottawa Police Sgt. Don Lacasse, the truck collided with a van that reportedly attempted a U-turn at the intersection of Boundary Road and the Highway 417 exit ramp. The truck lost control and careened into the ditch, rupturing its fuel tanks.

The drivers were the lone occupants in each vehicle and no injuries were reported. Lacasse said the collision is still under investigation.

A fire services haz-mat team and cleanup crew was called in to contain the spill.



Firefighters survey the scene where an 18-wheeler transport truck left Highway 417 and ruptured its fuel tanks yesterday.

## Some Chinatown shoppers show caution

**PRODUCTS** The latest food safety warning from China is shaking some consumer confidence in Ottawa.

Melamine, the substance found in baby formula that has killed four Chinese infants, has also been found

in Mr. Brown instant coffee products.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency said there's no sign yet of melamine in products here.

Chinatown shoppers didn't seem to be concerned

about the latest danger. "I'm not worried, I watch what I'm buying," said Than Trach.

Gregory Chan, the owner of Kowloon Market on Somerset Street West, said no customers have questioned his products.

"Just because one or a couple of products are being recalled in China, that's not affecting what we sell here in Canada," Chan said. "Our products are safe for Canadian standards."

But there was more hesitation from shoppers on the street.

"To be honest, if it says Made in China, I'm a little more skeptical," said Nicola Foster. "I'm just a little less willing to purchase it. Another shopper, Carol English, said the melamine danger was "frightening" and a sign Canada needs more domestic manufacturing.

The CFIA has sent officials into more than 300 Asian markets across Canada, including Ottawa, in search of potentially dangerous products.

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DEPRESSION RESEARCH

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I feel hopeless about the future.	■	■
I feel tense and anxious.	■	■
I am having difficulty making decisions.	■	■
I am having trouble concentrating.	■	■

## Summit calls for city air adviser

**SUMMIT** An Ottawa councillor is calling for the creation of a Clean Air Alliance to advise the city on decisions that affect air quality.

At a clean air summit last night, Capital ward councillor Clive Doucet called for the creation of a non-partisan, volunteer-based Clean Air Alliance that would work with organizations such as school boards and hospitals to advocate for a transit plan that would improve air quality.

"People aren't making the connection between air quality and the new transit plan, but it's there and I don't think council is capable of moving ahead without a really powerful cross-city alliance to push them in that direction," said Doucet.

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A Barrie, Ont., man who spent 10 years in a psychiatric hospital for the shooting death of an Ottawa sportscaster was sentenced to two years in prison yesterday for assaulting a U.S. border agent in Buffalo, N.Y., last November. Jeffrey Arenburg assaulted the border guard less than a year after he was released from psychiatric care. **SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE**

**Sportscaster's killer sentenced for assaulting border guard**

# Canada



## Language matters: StatsCan

Children whose parents immigrated to Canada from Asian or South Asian countries are twice as likely as children of Canadian-born parents to finish university, Statistics Canada says. Language seemed to play a role in university success. The study found that children who spoke Chinese at home outstripped second generation Chinese kids who just spoke English or French. The same was true for children with parents from India. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

# Anthemic Olympic slogans

Vancouver 2010 Games to welcome all comers 'with glowing hearts'

JEFF HODSON  
Metro Canada

**A pair of phrases from O Canada will welcome the world to Vancouver in 2010, Olympic organizers announced yesterday.**

VANOC has chosen With Glowing Hearts and Des Plus Brillants Exploits (from the English and French versions of Canada's national anthem) and has even applied to have the phrases trademarked.

"We weren't just looking for words," said VANOC CEO John Furlong. "We were looking for words that represented a certain spirit ... and there's no more revered words than these two sets in our entire country."

"We all love them, live them everyday and we thought it was a wonderful complement to our own spirit."

And while Vancouver has applied to trademark the phrases, it says it has no desire to own them.

"We want people to con-



Olympic and Paralympic athletes, from left, Denny Morrison, Carol Huynh, Daniel Wesley and Duff Gibson, with VANOC CEO John Furlong, at the unveiling of the Olympic motto in Vancouver yesterday.

tinue using it," said Dave Cobb, VANOC's executive vice-president of revenue and marketing. "We just have to be careful that if it's used in an Olympic context, it's not used inappropriately."

Cobb gave the example of a website using the phrase With Glowing Hearts to sell unauthorized tickets or merchandise.

The slogan was one of hundreds brainstormed,

said Ali Gardiner, VANOC's director of brand and creative services.

"When it bubbled up, everyone knew that it was the one," said Gardiner.

Focus testing in Quebec and English markets con-

## Quebecers

• During focus testing, Quebecers said they were happy the French motto, Des Plus Brillants Exploits, was not just a translation of the English motto, said Renee Smith-Valade, VANOC's vice president of communications.

firmed to VANOC their choice was a winner.

Speed skater Denny Morrison, 23, of Fort St. John, B.C., one of a handful of Olympic and Paralympic athletes at the slogan launch in Vancouver yesterday, said he liked the motto because of its welcoming tone.

Past Olympic mottos, he added, like Salt Lake City's Light The Fire Within and Torino's Passion Lives Here, spoke more to the performance of athletes.

"It's a very Canadian thing," Morrison said. "We're going to welcome (people) with glowing hearts."

## Judge strikes down word, woman walks

**JUSTICE** A Toronto woman has been acquitted of a charge of concealing a dead baby after a judge struck down a single word in a section of the Criminal Code.

Ivana Levkovic, 26, a former Mississauga stripper, had been scheduled to stand trial Monday in a Brampton courtroom.

"Thank God ... the truth is finally out," a happy Levkovic said yesterday outside court.

She was charged under a section that essentially states it's a criminal offence to give birth to a baby and then conceal its birth, regardless if it died "before, during or after" birth.

There was no forensic evidence indicating the child was ever stillborn or alive at birth.

Justice Casey Hill's decision to remove the word "before" from the offence isn't binding on the rest of Canada or even Ontario although judges faced with similar cases would examine his ruling carefully.

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## Earth's oldest rocks Canadian

**SCIENCE** A tract of bedrock on the eastern shore of Hudson Bay contains the oldest known rocks on Earth, formed 4.28 billion years ago, scientists said yesterday.

The rocks may be remnants of Earth's primordial crust, which formed on the planet's surface as it cooled following the birth of the solar system, according to Jonathan O'Neil of McGill University in Montreal.

**REUTERS**

## C. difficile rates go online

**HEALTH** Ontario begins to roll out hospital infection rates today with the release of C. difficile numbers on a patient-friendly website that will allow the public to search rates of local hospitals.

Clostridium difficile causes a deadly form of diarrhea that has become a problem in hospitals, in part because of over-use of antibiotics. Five years ago in Quebec an outbreak of C. difficile caused 2,000 deaths.

There are no secrets here in Ontario concerning infection rates, said Dr. Michael Baker, executive lead for patient safety for

**"This is a dramatic innovation for a jurisdiction the size of Ontario."**

Dr. Michael Baker

the provincial health ministry. "This is a dramatic innovation for a jurisdiction the size of Ontario to require this type of safety data on every single hospital site in the province on a monthly basis," he said yesterday at Princess Margaret Hospital.

The public's right to know more about their hospital is the key reason why the Ontario government is publicizing eight patient

safety indicators on a website. The first to go online at 1 p.m. today are C. difficile rates.

All 157 Ontario hospital corporations have voluntarily sent their numbers to the province. The posted rates will include the number of C. difficile cases for each hospital. The numbers will be updated monthly and as time goes on, trends can become apparent.

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## Former Pizza Pizza boss ordered to cough up dough

**COURT** A Toronto businessman is guilty of cheating the public of tax revenues and must pay a hefty fine, a judge has ruled.

Lawrence Austin, once second in charge at Pizza Pizza, pleaded guilty to hiding income he received from the fast food giant in the 1990s.

"It's another chapter in my life that is ended," said

## fine

• Austin failed to pay about \$200,000 in taxes and must now turn over that amount, plus a \$200,000 fine.

Austin, 59. "I look forward to moving ahead with a clean slate," Austin said outside the courtroom.

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## News in brief

**SCIENCE** Fishing crews, pilots and residents of Baffin Island are being asked to watch for rubber duckies — not bobbing

in their bathtubs, but drifting in the Davis Strait, as part of a NASA study on climate change, CBC News Online reports.

**RECALL** The CFIA has issued a recall on White Rabbit candies over fears of melamine contamination. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Asked about his party's stand on abortion yesterday, Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion declared, "I am pro-life. I am for the right of women to choose." An aide quickly clarified that Dion meant to say he was "pro-choice." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Election 2008



# Time to speak out

May says environmental groups being muzzled

**Green party Leader Elizabeth May says Canada's leading environmental groups are being silenced during the federal election because some fear retribution from a new Stephen Harper government and others are stymied by federal rules.**

During a meeting with the Toronto Star's editorial board yesterday, May said there has never been a more important time for public debate on the environment.

Not only are voters deeply interested in green issues, she said, but the next gov-

ernment will leave its imprint on the future of greenhouse gas emissions when world leaders converge in Copenhagen next year for their final meeting before the Kyoto Protocol runs out in 2012.

"That is why I went into politics, because every group in this country is being muzzled at the very time that they need to get their voices raised the loudest," said May, who ran the Sierra Club of Canada until becoming Green party leader in 2006.

May said two issues are at

play:

- Fear among many environmentalists that the Conservatives, if re-elected, will cut funding or deny meetings with political leaders to groups that were openly critical during the campaign. May said the B.C. chapter of the outspoken Sierra Club felt a political sting late last month when a signed government contract for a local climate-change action program was unexpectedly cut by the Environment Ministry.

- Groups registered as charities fear they will face



Green party Leader Elizabeth May makes a point yesterday during a Toronto Star editorial board meeting. May said this is an important time for public debate on the environment.

audits that could lead to a loss of their status if they speak out because Canada Revenue Agency rules prohibit charities from partisan

political action during an election. These rules apply to all charities, not just environmental groups.

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## Issues

### Tories put women at risk: Group

**ABORTION** The Conservative government is eroding women's reproductive health and right to abortion "by stealth," a group of advocates representing labour and women's rights charged yesterday morning.

"There is a clear anti-abortion hidden agenda at work that puts women's health at risk," said Carolyn Egan of the Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada.

At a news conference, the groups representing the Canadian Labour Congress, the Quebec Federation for Family Planning and the Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women called on all individual candidates and party leaders to clearly state their views, and their political intentions, challenging them to oppose any moves to extend "personhood" or legal rights to fetuses.

They did not limit their criticism to the Conservatives, but reserved especially harsh comments for the government after its announcement in August that it would bring forward a bill this fall to allow harsher penalties for offenders who cause injury or death to a fetus during an assault on a pregnant woman. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



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## News in brief

**CONTROVERSY** A Conservative candidate came under fire yesterday for suggesting refugees and immigrants are more likely to commit crimes. "Talk to the police. Look at who's committing these crimes. They're not the kid that grew up next door," Lee Richardson, the Tory incumbent in Calgary Centre, told the Calgary newsmagazine Fast Forward Weekly last week for a story published yesterday.

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## Special election report

**Margaret Atwood at Metronews.ca/ election: "Every budding dictatorship begins by muzzling the artists."**



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## Election 2008

## Numbers

## Bloc support on the rise in Quebec

**POLL** Conservative support in Quebec is slipping amid mounting criticism over arts cuts and harsher penalties for youth criminals, leading to a resurgence for the Bloc Québécois, a new poll suggests.

Winning seats in Quebec is critical to the Conservatives' desire for a majority government. The party had 11 seats going into this campaign and it was expected to win 10 to 15 more. The day-by-day poll by Harris-Decima, however, shows eroding support for the Conservatives and NDP, while the Bloc is up. From Sept. 15 to yesterday, the Bloc's support increased to 39 per cent from 31 per cent. The Tories yesterday stood at 23 per cent (down from 27 per cent on Sept. 15).

The survey of 307 Quebecers has a margin of error of 5.5 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, and is part of a rolling poll of 1,243 Canadians across the country.

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## Financial assault

Dion takes Harper to task over the economy

**Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion has a message for the prime minister: It's the economy, Stephen.**

Dion yesterday launched a vigorous attack against Harper's "incompetence" on the economy, charging the Conservative government has been blind to the financial turmoil in the United States.

Dion jumped on the stark warning delivered by U.S. President George W. Bush Wednesday night as proof that Wall Street's dramatic financial woes will spill over into Canada.

"Today, Mr. Harper is perhaps the only Canadian who seems to ignore what is happening in the United States, our largest trading partner," Dion said in a speech to the Quebec Chamber of Commerce.

"This is the height of irresponsibility. We cannot pretend that Canada will not be affected by what George Bush said (Wednesday) night. And he said that our entire economy is in danger."



Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion speaks to members of the Quebec Chamber of Commerce in Quebec City.

**"This is the height of irresponsibility."**

Stéphane Dion

Harper has repeatedly sought to reassure Canadians that the economy here remains fundamentally strong, a theme he continued yesterday.

"It's not the time to do anything new, wild or stupid," Harper told reporters

in Victoria, B.C.

"I think this will continue to be a slow and a tense and a somewhat difficult period. I think we will be fine — not great — but we will be fine."

But Dion mocked that outlook, claiming that Harper has a "laissez-faire, we-don't-care" attitude that rejects government involvement to spur the economy.

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## Election Tour Canada

## Highlights of the week's election campaign from Metro newsrooms across the nation

## OTTAWA

On Monday, the Conservatives chose the Ottawa-Vanier riding — a downtown district that has been struggling with youth-related crime — to announce they would toughen the Youth Criminal Justice Act and increase the budget of the Youth Gang Prevention Fund to \$10 million per year. NDP Leader Jack Layton continued his Quebec charm offensive in Gatineau last week, campaigning on the Quebec-side of the national capital for the third time since the election was called. Conservative candidate Brian McGarry, who has lost more than 100 signs to vandals or thieves since the election call, formally complained to police this week after witnesses claimed to have spotted two people remove a Tory sign and replace it with a Liberal sign. The Liberals denied the allegations, saying they were shocked by it. All parties have complained of vandalism and stolen signs in the riding.

## HALIFAX

The biggest election news in Halifax this week was about a former candidate. Rosamond Luke, who was a hand-picked Conservative candidate for the

NDP stronghold of Halifax for just two days, was accused of financial mismanagement by the women's organization she helped found. Board members say Luke, who made \$60,000 a year, wrote \$85,000 in unapproved cheques that she couldn't back up. Luke resigned as the candidate after a criminal conviction came to light.

## MONTREAL

It was a pretty quiet week in Montreal. But one topic was on everyone's lips — culture. Quebec artists don't appreciate the Conservative party's cuts to the arts. On Tuesday, a dozen singers, actors and other artists presented a free show in town to denounce the \$45 million in cuts, mostly in programs promoting culture abroad. A video on YouTube, La culture en péril, has been viewed almost 500,000 times and the Liberals, Bloc and NDP have attacked Stephen Harper on that topic all week long.

## TORONTO

The Conservatives took a PR hit early this week when their ex-candidate for Toronto Centre, Chris Reid, resigned after comments on his blog, calling for

the legalization of concealed handguns, became public. Not the smartest move for someone who was courting the vote of constituents who haven't forgotten the fatal January shooting outside of local strip club Brass Rail. Some of Canada's most recognizable stars gathered in The Big Smoke Wednesday to tout homegrown arts and answer Harper's insinuation that the nation's artists are elitist, free-loading whiners. The cast included actors Colm Feore, Gordon Pinsent and Wendy Crewson, who argued the arts provide 1.1 million jobs and \$86 billion to the gross domestic product. "Stephen, the arts is the economy, stupid," said Karl Pruner, president of ACTRA.

## CALGARY

Calgary Centre Conservative incumbent Lee Richardson took his moment in the spotlight of controversy after connecting immigration with a rising crime rate, spurring calls from competing candidates for his resignation. Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion made his first appearance of the campaign in Calgary at a town hall meeting Monday night, shooting down an offer from NDP Leader Jack Layton to form a coalition in or-

der to guarantee the ousting of Conservatives from power.

## VANCOUVER

It was another wacky week out West as a third NDP candidate dropped out of the race, while old blogs came back to haunt one of the Tories. Julian West, candidate for Saanich-Gulf Islands, quit after admitting to skinny-dipping in front of minors during an environmental conference 12 years ago. Two other NDP hopefuls had already dropped out because of past pro-marijuana endorsements. Conservative Ryan Warawa, who's still in the running in Vancouver-East, allegedly supports the legalization of pot and prostitution in brothels, according to a series of 2004 blogs that resurfaced recently. A spokesperson for the party acknowledged the posts on Tuesday and said that Warawa now supports the party's platform. Warawa didn't speak for himself and neither did another Conservative candidate, Dona Cadman, who was shielded by the RCMP from answering reporters' questions on Tuesday night. This led to accusations by the Liberals that the Mounties were used as a "political tool."

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**Photographer wants Marilyn nudes back**

# World/Business

## U.S. bailout plan in 'limbo'

**A rescue for the U.S. financial system unravelled yesterday amid accusations Republican presidential candidate John McCain snubbed the deal.**

U.S. lawmakers had appeared close to a final agreement on the \$700-billion US bailout to restore credit markets. But things spun off course during an emergency White House

### Republicans tout alternative

A group of conservative Republican lawmakers proposed an alternative mortgage insurance plan, eschewing the Bush administration's

\$700-billion US Wall Street bailout just weeks before the Nov. 4 election, as many lawmakers try to hold on to their seats.

meeting between Congressional leaders and President George W. Bush.

In advance of that meet-

ing, which included the two men battling to succeed him, Democrat Barack Obama and McCain, a com-

promise bipartisan deal seemed imminent.

After the session, Congressional leaders said an agreement could take until the weekend or longer.

Republican Senator Richard Shelby bluntly told reporters: "I don't believe we have an agreement." He later said the deal was in "limbo."

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### Business

## Bailout plan 'bold and timely,' Carney says

**Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney threw his support behind Washington's "bold and timely" \$700-billion US financial industry bailout package yesterday, saying it could minimize the economic cost and duration of the global credit crisis if well executed.**

He said Canada's financial institutions were much better capitalized than their U.S. and global peers, but warned that the Canadian economy is not immune to the fallout from the global crisis.

Carney said several articles of faith in the financial system have been shaken — that good collateral can always be used to raise liquidity, that certain institutions are too big or interconnected to fail and that this was merely a liquidity crisis.

He noted that the plan — which will help firms to "right-size" balance sheets, re-liequify closed markets and establish market prices for distressed assets — was a "cathartic ... beginning of the end of a 14-month crisis."

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### Air Canada shares jump 14 per cent

**AIRLINES** Air Canada's shares surged 14 per cent to \$4.79 in Toronto yesterday on one analyst's predictions that its parent company, ACE Aviation Holdings, is poised to buy back the 25 per cent of the airline it doesn't already own for \$215 million. That is in line with ACE CFO's plan to buy back and dissolve the holding structure.

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### In brief

**BANKS** JPMorgan Chase has acquired certain assets of Washington Mutual for \$1.9 billion US after the bank was closed by regulators yesterday.

**MILK SCARE** EU regulators proposed compulsory testing yesterday of processed food from China that contains more than 15 per cent powdered milk, and a ban on all Chinese products for infants or children with any proportion of milk ingredients.

**REUTERS**

### Debut Sir Paul wows Israel



Paul McCartney gave his first concert in Israel yesterday before tens of thousands of cheering fans in Tel Aviv, 43 years after the Beatles were barred from singing there because of fears they could corrupt youngsters.

### Canadian denied bid to see father

**ISRAEL** An Ottawa woman and her two teenage daughters are surviving on handouts and sleeping on the floor of a mosque because Israeli authorities won't let them enter Gaza to visit the woman's ailing father.

Saadiya Joha has sought help from the Canadian Embassy in Tel Aviv, but says officials there declined to assist her.

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### News in brief

**TENSIONS** U.S. and Pakistani ground forces exchanged fire across the Afghanistan-Pakistan border yesterday after two U.S. military helicopters were shot at from a Pakistani border post, U.S. officials said. No casualties or injuries were reported, but the incident escalated tensions between Washington and Islamabad following a stepped-up U.S. campaign of attacks on militant targets inside Pakistan.

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# Sports

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## Detroit slips past B's

Ovechkin leads Capitals with two goals and assist

**Detroit 4, Boston 3**

**Brad Stuart scored midway through the third period as Detroit edged Boston, 4-3, in exhibition action at the Metro Centre in Halifax.**

Cory Emmerton, Brett Lebda and Henrik Zetterberg also found the back of the net for the defending Stanley Cup champions. Chris Osgood stopped 13 of 14 shots and Daniel Larsson turned away 17 of 19.

Jeremy Reich, Martin St. Pierre and P.J. Axelsson all scored for the Bruins. Tim Thomas allowed all four Detroit goals on 40 shots.

**Capitals 5 Carolina 2** — Alexander Ovechkin tallied two goals and an assist to lead the Washington Capitals to a 5-2 victory over the Carolina Hurricanes in preseason action at Verizon Center.

Michael Nylander also scored twice while Christopher Bourque posted the



Bruin Martin St. Pierre (right) scores on Detroit Red Wings goalie Daniel Larsson during the second period of their NHL pre-season hockey game at the Metro Centre in Halifax yesterday.

other goal for the Capitals, who rallied from two goals down after the first period to score five unanswered goals. Michal Neuvirth stopped 24 of 26 shots while Daren Machesney turned away all three shots he faced in the win.

Ryan Bayda and Harrison

Reed each found the net once for the Hurricanes. Michael Leighton blocked 15 of 16 shots he saw, while Daniel Manzano allowed four goals on only 14 shots in defeat.

**Lightning 4 Rangers 2** — The Tampa Bay Lightning tallied three third-pe-

riod goals to power past the New York Rangers last night. Ryan Malone and Martin St. Louis scored 2:18 apart in the third period to bring the Lightning back from 2-1 down.

Chris Gratton scored Tampa Bay's other goal.

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### Blue Jays give Gaston 2-year deal

**MLB** The Toronto Blue Jays announced a contract extension yesterday for repeat manager Cito Gaston, who has done well enough in his stint this season to earn the job through the 2010 season.

Gaston, 64, returned to the dugout for the Blue Jays after John Gibbons was fired on June 20. The Blue Jays have gone 48-36 under Gaston entering play last night, and are 83-75 on the season after a 35-39 start under Gibbons.

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### Sports in brief

**NBA** The Houston Rockets have matched the Charlotte Bobcats' offer to Carl Landry, general manager Daryl Morey announced yesterday.

**NBA** Sweet-shooting but oft-injured guard Allan Houston has signed with the New York Knicks and will attempt another comeback with his former team. Houston signed a free-agent deal yesterday and will attend training camp starting next week.

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## Kim rides Ryder Cup win to lead

**GOLF** Anthony Kim maintained his blistering form from last week's Ryder Cup to charge into a four-stroke lead in yesterday's opening round at the Tour Championship.

The 23-year-old American, seeking his third PGA Tour victory this year, fired a sparkling six-under-par 64 on a breezy, sun-baked day at East Lake Golf Club.

Kim, who played a significant role in the U.S. Ryder Cup victory over Europe at Valhalla, piled up eight birdies and two bogeys to pull clear of a high-quality leaderboard.

American world No. 2 Phil Mickelson opened with a 68 to share second place with South Africans Ernie Els and Trevor Immelman, the Masters champion.

South Korean K.J. Choi carded a 69, while Canadian left-hander Mike Weir and Spaniard Sergio Garcia both managed to return matching 70s.

Only five players in the elite field of 30 broke par in the final event of the PGA Tour's regular season, with East Lake's renovated



Anthony Kim shot a six-under-par 64 yesterday to take a four-stroke lead after the first round of the Tour Championship.

greens running lightning-fast.

"The course is playing a lot tougher than I had heard about," Kim told reporters. "The greens are just so firm that you have to hit the fairways."

"Almost everything in my game was clicking pretty well out there. I took a couple of aggressive lines and it worked out."

Kim celebrated hard with his teammates after ending his Ryder Cup debut with a 5-and-4 victory over Garcia in the top singles match, but he has put those joyful memories behind him to concentrate on this week.

"It took me a couple of days to get over that celebration, that party, but I'm over it now," he said with a broad grin.

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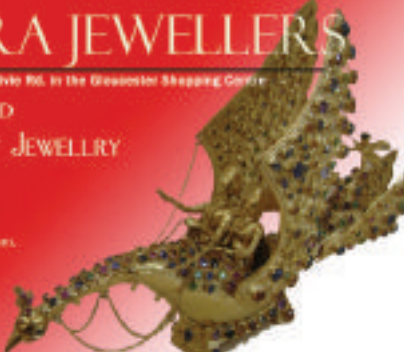
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# Oilers will contend

Their youth movement is about to pan out

## YorkReport

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No NHL squad enters this season with a more impressive blend of experience and young talent than the Edmonton Oilers, which is why many shrewd hockey followers figure they will:

- Challenge for a division title.
- Emerge as the league's most improved team.
- Establish themselves as the top contenders in Western Canada.

The Oilers, in fact, are in the upper echelon of teams likely to capture the Stanley Cup this season, according to the latest odds. Odds-makers are rating the Oilers as 20-to-1 possibilities for NHL supremacy. They were 100-to-1 longshots at this time last year.

Canadian teams below the Oilers on the oddsmakers' list these days are the Ottawa Senators (22-to-1), the Calgary Flames (25-to-1), the Vancouver Canucks (44-to-1) and the Toronto Maple Leafs (100-to-1).

The Montreal Canadiens are among the NHL's favourites, at 8-to-1.

## Dumbest sports quote ever

• Bleacher Report lists this comment from Fox broadcaster Terry Bradshaw as the dumbest of the Top 25 sports

quotes in history: "I may be dumb, but I'm not stupid." For the complete list, visit [www.bleacherreport.com](http://www.bleacherreport.com).

The Pittsburgh Penguins also are at 8-to-1, while the Detroit Red Wings are favoured to repeat as champions, at 7-to-2.

• The Oilers hope to add a quality defenceman and are dangling veteran goaltender **Dwayne Roloson** as trade bait. **Mathieu Garon** will be Edmonton's starting netminder ... The St. Louis Blues covet veteran **Brendan Shanahan**, who hasn't received a contract offer to re-sign with the New York Rangers ... Ottawa shot-callers speak daily to representatives of **Mats Sundin**. They're in relentless pursuit of the Swedish veteran ... Forward **Ryan Malone** can't get over his departure from the Pens. "Being from Pittsburgh," he said, "you have a lot of pride pulling that jersey on. To not get a serious offer from them was so weird." Malone's with Tampa Bay this season ... Malone's new Lightning coach, **Barry Melrose**, has been replaced as ESPN's hockey analyst by ex-NHL pest **Matthew Barnaby**.

• If **J.P. Ricciardi** returns

as Blue Jays general manager next season — and that's more likely now than it was a month ago — he'll go hard after **Rafael Furcal**, who'll be a free agent after his injury-plagued season with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Ricciardi's top two priorities: A productive shortstop and leadoff hitter. Furcal could be both.

• The Washington Post reports Chicago pitcher **Ryan Dempster** is living out "The American Dream" as he walks four blocks daily to Wrigley Field for home games and pitches in a baseball-mad city where the Cubs have a shot at winning their first World Series title in 100 years.

Thing is, Dempster's Canadian.

He's from B.C. and, before next season, he wouldn't mind signing as a free agent with the Jays.

• And please log on to [www.metronews.ca](http://www.metronews.ca) to read my latest CFL report.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

## Sports in brief

**NFL** Cardinals defensive end Bertrand Berry will miss Arizona's game against the New York Jets on Sunday with a groin tear. Arizona head coach Ken Whisenand told the team's web site that Berry had to fly back to Phoenix because of the injury. The Cardinals (2-1) lost to the Redskins, 24-17, this past Sunday, and face the Jets in New York next.

**NFL** The San Francisco 49ers announced yesterday they will retire the jersey No. 8 of former quarterback Steve Young at halftime of the New England game Oct. 5. He is the 11th player to be so honoured in team history.

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## Cycling Canadian wins silver



Svein Tuft, of Canada, celebrates his silver medal of the Men's Time Trial event, at the road World cycling Championships, in Varese, Italy, yesterday. Tuft's medal is Canada's first since 1984.

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 Cincinnati at Houston  
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 Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 8:15  
 Texas at L.A. Angels, 10:05  
 Oakland at Seattle, 10:10  
**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
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 Atlanta at Houston, 8:05  
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Pittsburgh at San Diego, 10:05  
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### CFL

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# Lucky Ones a bland flick

KEVIN COURRIER  
for Metro Canada

**REVIEW** Many of the Iraq War movies of the last few years, both good (Redacted) and bad (In the Valley of Elah), have been angry, anti-war arguments.

Given the unpopularity of the war, the reaction isn't surprising. But Neil Burger, the director of *The Illusionist*, takes a different turn in *The Lucky Ones*.

Instead of an incendiary drama about returning vets desperately trying to fit back into normal life, the picture deals with troops coming home in a bland and conventionally life-affirming manner.

Using William Wyler's classic 1946 drama *The Best Years of Our Lives* — about Second World War vets facing difficulties coming home — as his model, Burger unfortunately simplifies the conflicts.

*The Lucky Ones* is *The Best Years of Our Lives* reconceived as a sitcom.

The story focuses on



Michael Pena, Rachel McAdams and Tim Robbins play soldiers returning home from the Iraq war in *The Lucky Ones*.

## The Lucky Ones

**Director:** Neil Burger

**Stars:** Rachel McAdams, Tim Robbins, Michael Pena

**Classification:** 14A

**Rating:** ★★

three soldiers: T.K. (Michael Pena), wounded by shrapnel in the groin; Cheever (Tim Robbins) returning home to a broken family; and Colee (Rachel

McAdams) who sets out to return her boyfriend's guitar back to his family after he dies saving her life.

Although Burger tries to show how these soldiers are returning to heal both physical — and emotional — wounds, every plot point (including T.K.'s impotence) becomes a metaphor alert.

The hardships encountered on their travels, from St. Louis to Las Vegas, be-

come tired episodes of character building.

In *The Illusionist*, Burger told a satisfyingly, old-fashioned story about the ill-siveness of magic because he turned the clichés of the genre into elegant tricks.

But *The Lucky Ones*, relying on cheap and easy ironies, takes the road to recovery with highly predictable results.

# Lee gives fans, critics lots of fuel in St. Anna

RICK MCGINNIS  
Metro Canada

## Miracle at St. Anna

**Director:** Spike Lee

**Stars:** Derek Luke, Michael Ealy, Laz Alonso

**Classification:** 18A

**Rating:** ★★★★★

**REVIEW** It's hard to pick a Spike Lee film that wasn't controversial, but the director got off to an early start this time by provoking a word war with Clint Eastwood, accusing the director of two films about two Jimas of being racist for not depicting black soldiers onscreen. Lee's latest film is doubtless the sort of thing he was suggesting Eastwood should have made, and it's loaded more than enough for Lee's critics and fans to fight about in weeks to come.

The film follows a quartet of black GIs who are cut off from their unit behind enemy lines.

They rely on a remote village to hide them, and the wounded little boy one of them has adopted, while their commanding officer demands that they capture a German to confirm an imminent attack.

Like any war film, the men inhabit distinct char-

acter types — clichés, if you wished to be unkind. There's the dutiful and conscientious leader, the cynical badass, the religious everyman and the childlike giant.

Lee has clearly been studying his war films, and there are shots and whole scenes that evoke precedents from Von Ryan's Express to *The Big Red One*, but the film has a looseness and disjointed continuity that suggest a drastic editing down that is only partly mitigated by its lunge into the fantastical at the end.

Despite his habitual contentiousness, Lee is still a marvelous craftsman, and when something works it really works, though not enough to make *Miracle At St. Anna* anything like an unqualified success.

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## Eagle Eye lacks insight

## Eagle Eye

Director: D.J. Caruso

Stars: Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan

Classification: 14A

Rating: ★★☆☆

STEVE GOW  
for Metro Canada



Shia LaBeouf finds himself "activated" in Eagle Eye, a film conceived by Steven Spielberg.

When Steven Spielberg first came up with the idea for Eagle Eye, it probably seemed like an outrageous science fiction story.

Now, some 10 years later — and having handed the reins over to Disturbia director D.J. Caruso — Eagle Eye may be a high-octane, car crash-filled action flick, but it hardly contains the insightfulness of what it truly needs to work.

In an odd combination of North by Northwest, The Fugitive and even 2001: A Space Odyssey, Eagle Eye features Shia LaBeouf as Jerry, a unmotivated slacker who unwillfully gets paired up with single mom Rachel (Michelle Monaghan) after

the duo receive mysterious phone calls from a strange female voice saying they've "been activated."

As such, the unlucky couple are cast on a dangerous unknown mission, while all kinds of technology — like cells, traffic lights, ATM machines — is manipulated along the way.

There is a twist to the plot that I won't spoil here, but unfortunately, the big revelation is too late into the film and of little shock value to really pay off.

The film's actual underlying intent is to shed light on society's complacency with surveillance and it even attempts to take a political stance towards national security.

While Eagle Eye only grazes these intriguing ideas, it also upstages them with endless shaky-cam car and foot chases. This is where Eagle Eye will pay off for most moviegoers: As a loud action flick with little to offer but nonsensical stimulation.



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## Polanski film's approach misses the moral point

## Wanted and Desired

**Director:** Marina Zenovich  
**Stars:** Faye Dunaway, Jack Nicholson, Mia Farrow  
**Classification:** 18A  
**Rating:** ★★

ADAM NAYMAN  
 for Metro Canada



Roman Polanski presiding over his case — by attempting to rationalize and downplay the nature of his alleged actions.

It may very well be true that Polanski's tragic life (he survived the Holocaust as a child, his wife, Sharon Tate, was famously murdered by the Manson family) influenced his behaviour in the 1970s, when he developed a reputation as a womanizer — with a taste for very young women.

And that sort of complex psychology is certainly a viable subject for a documentary. But there's a sense that Zenovich also thinks Polanski, the great artist and European libertine, simply bumped up against a puritanical American culture out to vilify him for having a lust for life.

This is a specious argument that's also flatly insulting to the alleged victim, who (unlike Polanski) does appear on screen. She may have publically forgiven the director in 1997 after settling a civil suit, but clearly bristles at the notion that she should bear any onus of responsibility for what happened.

That the film is fairly well made — Zenovich spikes her talking-head assemblage with cleverly chosen clips from Polanski's best work — doesn't obscure its problematic approach.

## Lane stuck in lame-duck flick

PHILIP BROWN  
 for Metro Canada



## Nights in Rodanthe

**Director:** George C. Wolfe  
**Stars:** Diane Lane, Richard Gere  
**Classification:** PG  
**Rating:** ★★

**REVIEW** Nights In Rodanthe is Diane Lane's latest exercise in middle-age wish fulfillment — and it's a shame that such a talented actress has been reduced to a career of terrible romantic fantasies.

Lane is strong enough as an actress to actually pull off some of the clichéd and unbelievable scenes that her character has to go

through, but her performance is not enough to save this lame duck of a movie.

Lane stars as Adrienne Willis a recent divorcee struggling to decide whether she wants to reunite with her ex-husband.

She takes a weekend trip to look after a friend's inn

and is surprised to discover that the only guest in the hotel that weekend is a lonely doctor (Richard Gere). How convenient is that? Think these two lonely hearts will turn out to be an unlikely pair? It's all very predictable from page one and emotionally simplistic.

James Franco pops up in a cameo role as Gere's son, but his scenes are depressing to watch because they show just how easily a good actor can be made to look silly by bad material.

## Tuya's Marriage propelled by Yu Nan's performance

GERALD PEARY  
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## Tuya's Marriage

**Director:** Quan An Wang  
**Stars:** Yu Nan, Bateer  
**Classification:** STC  
**Rating:** ★★★★★

**REVIEW** Quan An Wang's Tuya's Marriage was shot in a desert region of Inner Mongolia and features non-actor locals.

Credit much of the film's success to Yu Nan. She's in the lead as Tuya, a feisty shepherdess. The movie's only professional actor, Yu blends with ease with the

Inner Mongolians.

Her husband, Bateer, is a middle-aged rancher, who has lost all spirit after an accident. He's without romantic feeling for Tuya, and she feels equally "blah."

There's an odd plot point that moves Tuya's Marriage forward. The two of them get a divorce, but with this stipulation: when Tuya remarries, Bateer gets to stay on, residing with the new groom and bride. Her insistence.

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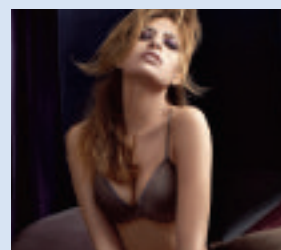
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## Kingston street logic

ROB MCMAHON  
for Metro Canada

**Dirty house, southern hip-hop and electro take a Caribbean holiday on Terry Lynn's new disc.**

Kingston Logic 2.0 blends Lynn's reggae flow with MIA-style bangers. The album flips Sister Nancy's legacy into a satirical take on the rudeboys of gangster artists like Bounty Killer.

"I've been doing dancehall for a long time, and found it wasn't fulfilling anymore," she said. "You get 20 different artists getting onto one rhythm, and that does not allow the artists to express themselves."

Growing up with her mom in the markets of inner-city Kingston, trading rhymes with musicians who banged out rhythms on homemade drums,

Lynn sharpened her skills by portraying the dark sides of Waterhouse.

"I'm really wondering if the world will be around much longer," she said. "I needed to do something about it in my own way, and that's what made me do my lyrical journalism."

The resulting album blends Lynn's stark lyrics with beats from Toronto-based producer Phred. Despite the difference in geography — Phred is from Calgary — the pair have a lot in common. Lynn's partner grew up listening to Jamaican music, and so despite pulling in influences from U.K. grime, dirty south, electro and French house, his beats are consistent with a Caribbean sense of rhythm. But even the album's most traditional-sounding tune — the folksy crooner River of Babylon — contains the



Kingston Logic 2.0 was released this week by Last Gang Records. For more information on the project, and to view photos from The Afflicted Yard, visit [phreemusic.com](http://phreemusic.com) or [kingstonlogic.com](http://kingstonlogic.com).

underlying menace of a distorted blast that echoes through the song.

"When me and Phred hooked up, we started drawing from different beats ... But our experi-

ments are still Jamaican — that's still the root (of our sound)," she said. "It's like artwork: if everyone's painting on canvas, why not paint on piece of wood or piece of stone?"

Kingston Logic references the situations that Lynn has watched growing up in Jamaica — a region where natural disasters, gun violence and the impact of economic policies vie for status in a cycle of tragedy. Income disparity and crime only add to the area's troubles, which include hurricanes and floods that tear houses apart during seven-month rainy seasons. The dark mood is reflected in the project's accompanying artwork: Peter Dean Rickards' photographs of The Afflicted Yard and shots of Lynn pointing a massive revolver.

"I'm trying to raise awareness about crime and violence in Jamaica ... (and that) while some people can enjoy the beaches, most people—underground people, grassroots people — are struggling with their daily lives."

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## Rocking the campaign trail

## SoundCheck

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While Former U.S. President Ronald Reagan was beloved by conservatives, he was generally reviled by those on the left, including much of the rock 'n' roll community. Strange, then, that Ronnie was the one to usher in the era of the rock-song-as-campaign song.

Up until 1984, candidates for high office in North America tended to avoid using rock music to pump up the crowds at rallies, conventions and speeches. Some — like Richard Nixon — even used ad agencies to custom-write songs.

In '84, though, Reagan's people (starting with conservative writer George Will, who thought that Bruce Springsteen might actually endorse Reagan) wrongly interpreted Born in the U.S.A. as a patriotic song and began using it at rallies that September. Springsteen — a long-time registered Democrat — was most annoyed and asked that they cut it out. Meanwhile, Democrat Walter Mondale chose Bill Conti's Gonna Fly Now, the theme from all the Rocky movies. How cliché.

The '88 campaign was a snoozer with George Bush's This Land is Your Land by Woody Guthrie (who, ironically, was a life-long socialist) facing off against Michael Dukakis and Neil Diamond's America.

Leave it to Bill Clinton to shake things up by introducing Fleetwood Mac's Don't Stop in 1992, a song that became inseparable from every Clinton who has campaigned for office

## Election 2008

ever since. Bob Dole couldn't do any better than a re-worked version of the Sam and Dave song, Soul Man. "Dole Man" was downright embarrassing.

Things evolved dramatically for the 2000 election. Al Gore's Democrats enlisted some Canadian help from Bachman-Turner Overdrive's You Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet, which was augmented by The Call's Let the Day Begin. Meanwhile, Current U.S. President George W. Bush countered with Right Now from Van Halen — but only after Tom Petty threatened to sue over the Republicans' appropriation of I Won't Back Down. (In a classic screw-you move, Petty performed the song for the Gore faithful just minutes after Al conceded.)

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## Music

# Old Prince of hip hop

## Shad up for Polaris prize

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### Polaris short list

The Polaris Music Prize will be handed out Monday in Toronto. Albums by the following artists have made the short list:

- Black Mountain
- Basia Bulat
- Caribou
- Kathleen Edwards
- Holy F-k
- Plants and Animals
- Shad
- Stars
- Two Hours Traffic
- The Weakerthans

### Shad thinks of hip hop in geographic terms.

And luckily, the Vancouver-based, Kenyan-born artist (real name Shadrach Kabango) has one of the genre's most treasured sounds in mind — that of the mid-90's Eastern States. "It all happens subconsciously ... depending on the environment you're in ... (whether) Cali or Houston or New York or Chicago," he said. "Out here, when I was growing up I was into the New York stuff, Native Tongues, Chicago, some West coast groups like the Pharcyde."

Hip hop retains its regional basis in Canada. Despite our country's smaller population, big distances means large shifts in sound, from Buck 65's Maritime twang to the housey snap of Edmonton's Cadence Weapon and the A.D.D. blends of Toronto's Keys n' Crates. On a global level, while Shad shares some background with Somali-born K'Naan, he's more rooted in the North American esthetic.

"(K'naan) came to Canada when he was a lot older than I did, and so had a lot of traditional African musical influence," said Shad. "My parents have African music and I used to listen to it at home, but I grew up more around North American music ... We both speak about some similar stuff, but musically I'm more North American."

A few tracks into Shad's Polaris Music Prize-nominated album *The Old Prince* makes it clear Common is a massive influence. From the soul samples and jazz in-

terludes to introspective spoken-word intros and lyrics that tackle everyday issues with perspective and humour, the disc recalls early Common albums like *Resurrection*.

"Common is my biggest influence — he was the one guy that I liked best, because he's the best," said Shad. "He's always at the next level — with the lyrics, the way he says things — on all levels. From his level of depth of insight and honesty to his straight lyrical skill."

Shad's mixture of soul samples and live instrumentation, heard in tracks like *Hey Ocean!*'s *Vagabond*, comes because he finds it more fun to rap alongside a human than a laptop. Production comes secondary to lyric writing: It's more important to craft a funny, honest verse than a head-nodding beat.

"Honesty for me is not much of a challenge, since it's always been the way I've operated," he said. "There's a lot of humour in reality, so I want to have fun and point out things that are funny."







People buys pricey photos of Aiken

Exclusive photos of singer Clay Aiken with his son, Parker, in the issue of People in stores today, reportedly cost the magazine \$500,000 US. **MSNBC**

## Television

## Intellevision



**SCARY NUMBERS:** The reality was awful to behold, but the idea behind having five reality TV hosts at the helm of last Sunday's dismal Emmys award show had a brute logic to it, especially when you look at the ratings for the last year of network prime-time. According to the numbers for the last 52 weeks,

## The awful reality of TV ratings

the top six shows were the two nights of American Idol, and four nights of Dancing With The Stars from both the spring and fall series.

You have to get down to seventh place to get to a non-reality show — NBC's Sunday Night Football — and it isn't until ninth place before a drama shows up on the list — Fox's House, with 14.9 million viewers, just under half of the numbers for the first place Idol perform-

ance show. Two And A Half Men is the only sitcom on the top 20, way down in 16th place — a sad but telling indicator of how far the genre has fallen in recent years.

It's not at all surprising to find reality competition shows like Idol or DWTS up there with a venerable institution of sports broadcasting; the appeal of both shows is similar, as they're more like events than just

entertainment, the sorts of shows that still rely on a communal viewing experience, if only so that you won't have the pay-off spoiled for you the next day when reading the newspaper or listening to commuters and co-workers talk

**"Network primetime has become little more than a delivery system for cheap but cheerful and formulaic reality competition shows."**

about either the results or the score.

Sports and competition reality are the last healthy remnants of scheduled TV viewing left on prime-time, as drama and comedy consumption has slid into the realm of post-broadcast viewing on DVRs and downloading in the short term, and week-end-long DVD season box set marathons in the long term. Looking to the pitiless bottom line, network primetime has become little more than a delivery system for

cheap but cheerful and formulaic reality competition shows, and sooner or later the accounting departments will insist that their colleagues in programming respect this truth.

When that day finally comes, we might finally see the first moves toward unleashing comedy and dramatic programming from either the fall-spring and summer season or the much-vaunted new "52 week season" and the overdue arrival of no seasons at all, in favour of a marketplace of on-demand viewing.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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	209	342	6	CHRO	Robson Arms	TMZ (N)	America's Toughest Jobs (N)	Medium (N)	Stargate SG-1 'Insiders'	News (N)		
	196	311	7	CTV	Hollywood	eTalk	The Mentalist 'Pilot'	Greek (Season Finale) (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	News (N)		
	208	303	8	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Air Force Live Comedy Fest.	Doctor Who	CBC News: The National	The Hour		
	-	360	9	NBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	America's Toughest Jobs (N)	Presidential Debate (Live)		News (N)		
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	628	584	32	SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	The Ultimate Fighter (HDTV)	TNA IMPACT!			
	616	521	39	SHO	The Best Years (DVS)	The Guard (HDTV)	Greensburg (N)	Man vs. Wild (N)	The Hills	The Hills	After	
	520	505	42	DIS	Daily Planet (N)	Canada's Next Top Model	Shockwave	Blow Down	NCIS 'Grace Period'	Crime Stories		
	581	568	53	MTV	Cribs	After	Shockwave	Blow Down	NCIS 'Grace Period'	Crime Stories		
	522	506	55	HIS	NCIS 'Grace Period'	Shockwave	Blow Down	Blow Down	NCIS 'Grace Period'	Crime Stories		
	603	561	95	FN	Road Grill	Licence to Grill	Restaurant Makeover	Tasty Travels	Food Safari (N)	Diner, Drive-In	Road Tasted	Dinner Imposs.

## SATURDAY

OT	Vu	Sc	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
92/08	265	353	2	TVO	National Geographic	Shenandoah *** (1965, War)	James Stewart.	The Interviews	(10:25) Ride With the Devil			
	211	331	3	GTV	Disasters of the Century	Heroes (HDTV) The identity of the shooter is revealed.	Kenny-Spenney	Trailer Park	News (N)			
	196	311	7	CTV	The Road to Avonlea	Childstar * (2004, Comedy-Drama)	Don McKellar. (DVS)	Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	News (N)		
	208	303	8	CBC	Hockeyville	CSI: Miami 'Inside Out'	Criminal Minds 'Lucky'	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)			
	-	360	9	NBC	Peter's Pr.	Wheel-Fortune	The Rocket *** (2005, Biography)	Roy Dupuis, Patrice Robitaille.	Billy Elliot (2000, Drama)			
	-	362	13	CBS	Missing	The Insider (N)	CSI: Miami 'Inside Out'	Criminal Minds 'Lucky'	48 Hours Mystery (N)	CSI: NY		
	216	395	14	OMN2	Chinese Rest.	Trendy Zone	L for Love, L for Lies *** (2008, Romance)	Stephy Tang.	Omni News: Mandarin	Chinese Rest.		
	214	344	15	CITY	Survivorman (DVS)	Song for Africa	Kaya	Metal: A Headbanger's Journey ** (2005) (DVS)		News (N)		
	218	345	18	E!	E News	Live From the Red Carpet	Celebrity arrivals.	Fashion Police: Emmy Awards	News (N)			
	-	361	20	ABC	News	Detroit	College Football Illinois at Penn State or Virginia Tech at Nebraska. (HDTV) (Live)					
	-	365	36	FOX	News (N)	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	America's Most Wanted	News (N)			
	500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)	Special Investigations	Larry King Live	Newsroom	Investigations			
	406	417	27	net	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Baltimore Orioles. (HDTV) (Live)				Sportsnet Connected (Live)	Heads-Poker		
	126	730	28	RDI	Le Journal RDI	Antarctic	Découverte (HDTV) (SC)	Le Téléjournal	Les Grands reportages	La Factice	Le Téléjournal	
	400	280	30	TSN	CFL Football Calgary Stampeders at Toronto Argonauts. From Rogers Centre in Toronto.							
	554	544	48	TEL	George-Jungle	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show	6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow		
	557	540	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Zoe 101	Life Derek	Han, Montana	Blue Dragon	Bob the Butler ** (2005, Comedy)	(10:31) Vegas Vacation *	
	551	542	65	YTV	Wolverine	Transformers	Naruto	Zatch Bell (N)	Bleach	Storm Hawks	Dark Oracle	Mystery Hnt.
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami 'Grand Prix'	CSI: Miami 'Bail'	CSI: Miami 'Bail'	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	The Sopranos	Dark Oracle	Mystery Hnt.	
	628	584	32	SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	The Ultimate Fighter (HDTV)	TNA IMPACT!			
	616	521	39	SHO	About a Girl	Kink in Hair	Lesser Evil (2006, Drama)	Thea Gill, Marc Singer.	Eurotrip ** (2004, Comedy), Jacob Pitts			
	520	505	42	DIS	NextWorld (N)	NextWorld (N)	After the Catch Health crisis.	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	A Haunting		
	581	568	53	MTV	Canada's Next Top Model	Canada's Next Top Model	Canada's Next Top Model	Washington, Bruce Willis.				
	522	506	55	HIS	NCIS 'Terminal Leave'	Ancestors	Ancestors	The Siege ** (1998, Action)	Denzel Washington, Bruce Willis.			
	603	561	95	FN	Road Grill	Eat, Shrink	Restaurant Makeover	Dinner Imposs.	Bobby Flay	Top Chef		

## SUNDAY

OT	Vu	Sc	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
92/08	265	353	2	TVO	Prehistoric Park	Chinese School (Part 2 of 5)	Filth: The Mary Whitehouse Story	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	(10:01) Brothers & Sisters	News (N)	
	211	331	3	GTV	renegade press	American Dad	Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)	Cold Case 'Glory Days'	Mad Men (N)	News (N)		
	196	311	7	CTV	Law & Order	The Amazing Race 13	Desperate Housewives	Desperate Housewives	(10:01) Flashpoint	News (N)		
	208	303	8	CBC	Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest ** (2006, Adventure)	Johnny Depp.			CBC News: Sunday Night (N)	Champlain		
	-	360	9	NBC	Football Night in America	(8:15) NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles at Chicago Bears. (HDTV) From Soldier Field in Chicago. (Live)						
	-	362	13	CBS	60 Minutes (N)	The Amazing Race 13	Cold Case 'Glory Days'	The Unit 'Sacred' (N)	CSI: NY			
	216	395	14	OMN2	Tongues: History Language	Aaram	Arirang Korea	Word for Word	Trendy Zone	Doctors Without Borders	Word for Word	
	214	344	15	CITY	NFL Football	Two/Half Men	Privileged (HDTV)	Friends	Friends	Survivorman (DVS)	News (N)	
	218	345	18	E!	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home	Stars-Makeup	Party Parents	Final 24. Janis Joplin.	News (N)		
	-	361	20	ABC	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home	Desperate Housewives	Desperate Housewives	(10:01) Brothers & Sisters	News (N)		
	-	365	36	FOX	NFL Football	The OT	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Larry King Live	News (N)		
	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom	Special Investigations	Larry King Live	Hockeycentral (N)	Newsroom	Investigations		
	406	417	27	net	NFL Football	Sportsnet Connected (Live)				Sportsnet Con.		
	126	730	28	RDI	Le Journal RDI	Marie-Claude	Une heure sur Terre (SC)	Le Téléjournal	Les Coulisses du pouvoir	Regard	Le Téléjournal	
	400	280	30	TSN	Football Night in America	(8:15) NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles at Chicago Bears. (HDTV) From Soldier Field in Chicago. (Live)						
	554	544	48	TEL	George-Jungle	Fraggle Rock	The Raccoons	6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	Ghost World (2001, Comedy-Drama)	
	557	540	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Zoe 101	Life Derek	Han, Montana	Blue Dragon	Bob the Butler ** (2005, Comedy)	(10:31) Vegas Vacation *	
	551	542	65	YTV	The Next Star	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	Falcon Beach	Mystery Hnt.	
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	The Cleaner		
	628	584	32	SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene		
	616	521	39	SHO	The Guard (HDTV)	MythBusters (N)	Wide Awake (2007, Drama)	Missy Peregrym.	Weeds	Rescue Me	Kenny-Spenney	
	520	505	42	DIS	MythBusters (N)	MythBusters (N)	In the Shadow of the Moon	Canada's Next Top Model	Canada's Next Top Model	Canada-Model		
	581	568	53	MTV	Made 'Wakeboard'	NCIS 'Call of Silence'	Capturing Saddam	Iron Chef America	Three Kings *** (1999, War)	George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg.		
	522	506	55	HIS	NCIS 'Call of Silence'	Capturing Saddam	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America		
	603	561	95	FN	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America		



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## Going Out

# Back home under the big top

KIM MANNIX VERMETTE  
for Metro Ottawa

**Gérard Théorêt can remember when construction started on the St. Laurent shopping mall.**

Now — many years later and with a lot of hours spent in his dancing shoes — the former Ottawa resident is having a homecoming of sorts, watching his “baby” delight and entertain thousands under a massive blue and yellow tent next to that same mall.

Théorêt is artistic director of Corteo, the touring Cirque Du Soleil production that’s currently turned a parking lot next to St. Laurent Mall into a spectacle of dance, music, acrobatics and theatre featuring more than 60 performers from 16 different countries.

“I am very excited to have the opportunity to

put on the show here,” says Théorêt, from the production site. “I think, or at least I hope, my family and the rest of the Ottawa audiences will be blown away.”

Like every Cirque show, Corteo is an artistic spectacle, complete with intricate dance segments and showy displays of skill and athleticism from the performers.

What distinguishes Corteo is that it’s a self-sufficient travelling show, bringing its entire site with it to each new city. The “mobile village” has its own school for performer’s children, separate power generation, and requires 180,000 square feet to set up.

Théorêt admits that picking up and moving

## details

• Cirque du Soleil’s touring production of Corteo runs at 500 Coventry Road through Oct. 26. The original run was extended due to demand. Tickets can be purchased through [cirquedusoleil.com/corteo](http://cirquedusoleil.com/corteo) or by calling 1-800-361-4595.

several times a year can be taxing on him and the performers, but they have a bit of “gypsy” in them, he says. They find a way to get along, day after day on the road.

“We are sort of like a big family, but more like cousins than brothers and sisters because we don’t fight — much,” he says with a laugh.

The show tells the story of a clown looking back on his life in the circus through vivid dreams as he prepares for his own funeral.

Théorêt explains it is more theatrical than many Cirque shows, and has more substantial dialogue. It’s also the only Cirque show to be performed in the round, so that audience members on all sides



Performers from more than 16 countries will dazzle audiences in Corteo, Cirque du Soleil’s touring production on now under the big top next to the St. Laurent Centre.

always have a peek at the action, and at one another.

“There are no bad seats in Corteo and the closeness of the audience to the performers on all sides gives it a very exciting and intimate feel.”

That lack of hiding places for the performers and the set crews can provide some challenges, but it also makes designing the production a lot more freeing, he explains.

“The performers cannot

hide and because of this there is always something to watch and discover. I still have that same amazement and awe and I’ve seen the show more than 300 times now,” he says.

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## This band knows no borders

GetOutThere

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A little laugh follows my suggestion to Dan Shwetz that perhaps he — and the mates in his band The Last Supper — should be known as ambassadors of rock ‘n roll. Certainly guitar skills and a passion for bringing music to the world don’t grant you diplomatic status, but with their goal of performing in 100 countries — and setting a world record — The Last Supper certainly set an example for any indie rocker.

“I guess we are kind of ambassadors,” chuckles Shwetz. “I guess it crosses your mind when you’re playing to people in Egypt or Africa and it seems like it’s been a long time since they’ve seen a rock show, if ever.”

The Last Supper formed 12 years ago when Shwetz and friend Peter Walker met up with some other band members at the University of Western Ontario. The Smiths Falls natives had been friends from way back, which is perhaps

why they’ve been able to stick it out — both in the band, and as business partners in a local landscaping company — for so many years.

They’re used to the equal parts thrills and frustrations that come with touring, and have travelled extensively throughout North America and the world. They’ve performed with Ministry, Iron Maiden, Joe Cocker and Peter Frampton.

Even the hardest working bands don’t necessarily reach the level of success they crave. That hasn’t discouraged Shwetz and the gang too much, though. They are optimistic that the struggle of making it in the music biz, combined with their drive to tour the world, might make for some pretty interesting TV. Reality TV, to be precise.

This summer the band began filming hundreds of hours of footage of them on tour, across nine countries, with the hopes of selling the show — titled



Dan Shwetz, left, and Peter Walker of The Last Supper.

Band Without Borders — to a major international broadcaster. Since no big networks have bitten yet, Shwetz says the band has decided to go for a do-it-yourself approach. They are just wrapping up editing on a pilot, and have enough footage to make a first season.

“It’s not just about us and our struggle to make it. It’s about life on the road, and about musicians around the world,” he says. “Music is global and there are great rock scenes everywhere. That’s what makes it an interesting show.”

The band is heading out later this fall to do 13 countries in 33 days, but first Shwetz says they’re excited to play a little closer to home. “It gives our friends and family a chance to hear us because right now I think we’ve played more shows in Egypt than we have at home.”

## where and when

• The Last Supper play at Barrymore’s, 323 Bank St., on Saturday night. Doors open at 8 p.m. and cover is \$10. For more info on the band and their journey, visit [bandwithoutborders.com](http://bandwithoutborders.com).

Kim Mannix Vermette has a passion for exploring the local music, theatre, visual arts and literature scenes.



**PICK OF THE WEEK: METHOD MAN & REDMAN IN OTTAWA**

Hip Hop Legends Method Man & Redman hit the stage at the Civic Centre Sat. 8:00 p.m. Civic Centre, Lansdowne Park, 1015 Bank St. Info: lansdownepark.ca or 613-580-2429.

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**On Golden Pond** Fri. - Sat. 8:00 p.m. Sun. 2:00 p.m. \$20 - \$24 adv. Ottawa Little Theatre, 400 King Edward Ave. Info: ottawalittletheatre.com or 613-233-8948.

**Without a Clue** Sat. 7:00 p.m. Show \$25, Dinner starts at \$22, includes admission to the Velvet Room dance club or Duelling Pianos after the show. Scarlett's Dinner Theatre, 62 York St. Info: eddiemay.com or 613-850-9700.

**comedy**

**Steve Levine and Andrew Evans** Fri. 8:00 & 10:30 p.m., \$10. Sat. 8:00 p.m. & 10:30 p.m., \$12; Sun. 8:00 p.m., \$8. Absolute Comedy, 412 Preston St. Info: absolutecomedy.ca or call 613-233-8000.

**Pete Zedlacher with Steve Shuster and Terry Clement**

Fri. 9:30 p.m., Sat. 8:00 p.m. & 10:30 p.m., \$18 adv. Yuk Yuks International Stand Up Comedy, 88 Albert St. Info: yukuks.com or 613-236-5233.

**Don Kelly** Fri. 8:00 p.m., Sat. 7:30 p.m. & 9:30 p.m., \$12. Yuk Yuk's Launching Pad in the Prescott Tavern, 379 Preston St. Info: yukuks.com or 613-236-5233.

**A Night at the Bytown - Improv Comedy** Sun. 9:00 p.m. Bytown Tavern, 292 Elgin St. Info: insensitivitytraining.com 613-231-3888.

**galleries**

**One Night Stand with Jerry Maggiore** Fri. 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., Galerie La Petite Mort Gallery, 306 Cumberland St. Info: lapetitemortgallery.com or 613-860-1555.

**"Music at Midday" by Vivienne Bartlett** Fri. 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sun. 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Calligrammes art gallery, 21 Murray St. Info:

calligrammes.com or 613-241-4732.

**Russell Yuristy** Fri. - Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cube Gallery, 7 Hamilton Ave. N. Info: cubegallery.ca or 613-728-1750.

**Gun Control** Fri. - Sun. 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Galerie La Petite Mort Gallery, 306 Cumberland St. Info: lapetitemortgallery.com or 613-860-1555.

**The Greeks** Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Sat. - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Gallery A, Canadian Museum of Civilization, 100 Laurier St. Info: civilization.ca or 819-776-7014.

**clubs**

**Mark Berube with Lance Baptiste and Emmanuel Printemps** Fri. 7:00 p.m. \$8 adv. The Mercury Lounge, 56 ByWard Market Sq. Info: mercurylounge.net or 613-789-5324.

**TIMECODE September Edition with Dam-Funk and TY-G** Fri. 9:00 p.m. \$5, Eri Café-Pan-African Social Club,



953 Somerset St. West. Info: ericafe.ca or 613-233-1374.

**Dave Irving Trio** Fri. 9:30 p.m. Café Paradiso, 199 Bank St. Info: cafe-paradiso.ca or 613-565-0657.

**John Alliare & The Campistas, Bill Toms and String Bone** Fri. 9:00 p.m. \$8 adv. The Rainbow, 76 Murray St. in the ByWard Market, Info: therainbow.ca or 613-241-5123.

**Max Graham@Heaven with J.Bradley** Fri. 10:00 p.m. \$15, Heaven Nightclub, 400a Dalhousie St. Info: clubheaven.ca or 613-482-9898.

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## Celebrity Buzz

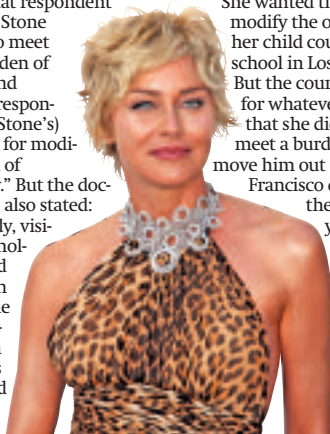
# Stone didn't lose custody: Lawyer

**PEOPLE** Actress Sharon Stone did not lose physical custody of her young son with ex-husband Phil Bronstein, **imdb.com** reports her lawyers as saying.

According to documents detailing a custody hearing earlier this month, Bronstein would "have permanent sole physical custody of child. (The) court finds that respondent Sharon Stone failed to meet her burden of proof and denies respondent's (Stone's) request for modification of custody." But the documents also stated: "Custody, visitation, holiday and vacation schedule shall remain in place as outlined on

10/4/07 order," — a document which stated that Stone had joint physical and legal custody of her son Roan, according to website **TMZ.com**. The only reason that the case went to court again was in an attempt to get her son to move to a school in California, according to the star's lawyer. Marty Singer says, "She wanted the court to modify the order so her child could go to school in Los Angeles. But the court felt that, for whatever reason, that she did not meet a burden to move him out of San Francisco during the school year."

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# Watts allegedly shouts down paparazzi

**OUTBURST** Pregnant actress Naomi Watts reportedly lashed out at the paparazzi in Los Angeles after her repeated requests for peace were ignored, **imdb.com** reports.

The star was roaming Beverly Hills with close friend Rebecca Rigg when she was pursued by a group of photographers. But the 39-year-old confronted the snappers when they refused to leave her alone. "What do you

think you're doing to us? What the f-k do you think you are doing?"

according to the **Sydney Daily Telegraph**, Watts yelled. Watts then ran into a nearby building and tried to wrestle a camera from a photographer.

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# Dita on Winehouse: 'I could tidy her up'

**PEOPLE** Burlesque star Dita Von Teese has offered troubled singer Amy Winehouse a makeover — and wants to start with her wardrobe,

**imdb.com** reports. The dancer also hopes to tackle the Rehab hitmaker's iconic beehive and thick make-up. "No matter how much she breaks down, she still

has the beehive of sorts and the outfits and eyeliner," Von Teese says.

"When I see pictures of her I wish I could tidy her up a bit."

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# Wedding bells for Nicky?

**COUPLES** Fashion designer Nicky Hilton and her TV producer boyfriend David Katzenberg are planning a winter wedding, **imdb.com** reports. The couple, both 25, has been dating for the past two years.

"They are thinking about a December or January

wedding," an insider tells **Star** magazine. "They want it to take place after the Christian and Jewish holidays." Hilton is the sister of Paris Hilton and daughter of Hilton hotel heir Rick and Kathy Hilton. Katzenberg's dad is movie producer Jeffrey Katzenberg.

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# Schefft a bachelorette no more

**ENGAGEMENTS** Former Bachelorette star Jen Schefft is engaged to her boyfriend, Joe Waterman, **People.com** reports.

"I'm so excited and so happy," says Schefft, 32.

The couple, who live in Chicago, met on a blind date in February. Their matchmaker:

One of Schefft's previous blind dates, with whom she didn't click.

Schefft appeared on the ABC matchmaking show *The Bachelor* in 2003 and starred on *The Bachelorette* in 2005.

She went on to author the relationship book *Better Single Than Sorry* and is now director of ad sales for **Heavy.com**.

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## celebrity briefs

### Splitsville for Portman, beau

**BREAKUPS** Natalie Portman and her folk-rock boyfriend Devendra Banhart have broken up, **People.com** reports. Portman, 27, began dating Banhart after starring in his *Carmensita* video, which was shot last March.



### Drunks nearly ruined wedding

**PEOPLE** Patrick Dempsey and his wife have no decent photo memories of their wedding day — because their photographers were drunk, **imdb.com** reports. The *Grey's Anatomy* star married Jillian Fink in 1999, but their big day was almost ruined when the snappers drank too much alcohol before the ceremony.

"That was the only disastrous moment," Dempsey said. "But it was kind of entertaining."



### Lucas prefers brunettes

**PEOPLE** Actor Josh Lucas has set his sights on a new belle — model Julia Restoin-Roitfeld, **imdb.com** reports. A friend of the star, who has dated Anne Hathaway and Salma Hayek, tells *Star* magazine, "He loves exotic looking brunettes. He has a serious crush."

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# "This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

The last time **Sharon Stone** was in the news, we saw her drawing on her vast reserves of philosophical education, geo-political knowledge, and fortune cookie messages to opine that the Sichuan earthquake was less a natural disaster than karmic retribution for China's policy on Tibet. Now I have to wonder, is Sharon Stone's failure to gain custody of her son a case of her suffering the bite of karma for invoking karma, is motherhood simply not one of her *Basic Instincts*, or is it just a really bad idea to mess with the Chinese? Of course, Stone's lawyer wants you to believe that his client hasn't been denied physical custody, she just couldn't change the specific arrangement. I'm going to ignore that, because if I were interested in the facts I wouldn't be writing on this page, and you, dear reader, wouldn't be reading it. We want salacious and unfounded explanations for celebrity phenomena, where the least factual is always the most accurate. We want to learn that Stone's setback is either a result of her repeatedly crossing and uncrossing her legs in front of the judge's bench, or of her failure to do so. We want to know where the judge has plotted her on the Scale of Awful Motherhood. Where does she rank in relation to say, **Joan Crawford**, **Dina Lohan**, **Livia Soprano**, and **Medea**?

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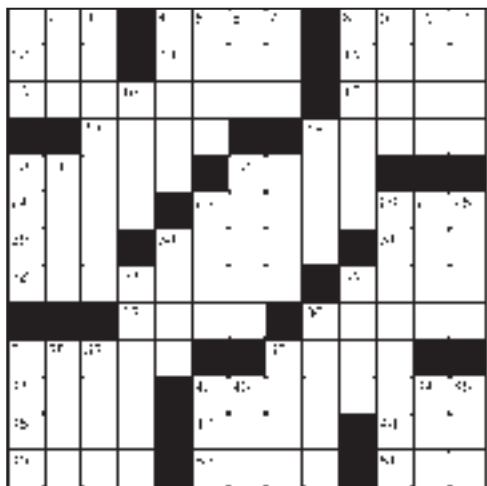
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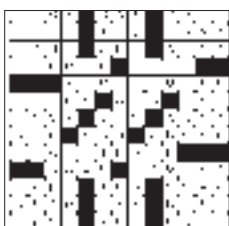
## Crossword across

- 1 Hot tub  
2 — Beta Kappa  
3 Pretentious  
4 A cube has twelve  
5 Kitten's call  
6 Away from WSW  
7 Scratch (out)  
8 Spain's euro forerunner  
9 Finished  
10 Seeds  
11 Differently  
16 Cruising  
19 Really big  
20 Spaces  
21 Neighborhood  
22 Actress Kelly  
23 Bassoon's cousin  
31 Fish eggs  
32 Algonquian bigwig  
34 Angle  
35 Actress Hayworth  
36 Sanctify  
37 "Ivanhoe" author  
40 Gridlock sound  
41 Protuberance  
42 Maternity-ward announcement  
46 Bakery employee, at times  
47 Archie Bunker's creator  
48 Born  
49 Flower  
50 Fat  
51 Coll.transcript no.

## Crossword down

- 1 Turf  
2 — Beta Kappa  
3 Pretentious  
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9 Finished  
10 Seeds  
11 Differently  
16 Cruising  
19 Really big  
20 Spaces  
21 Neighborhood  
22 Actress Kelly  
23 Bassoon's cousin  
25 Rorschach picture  
26 Hello  
27 Quite a long time  
28 Kennedy and Koppel  
30 Send forth  
33 Blood line?  
34 Postings on one's Web site  
36 Plank  
37 Use scissors  
38 Gabrielle Chanel  
39 Idolaters' recitations  
40 Despot  
42 Feeling poorly  
43 Afternoon social  
44 Agt.  
45 Meadow

## PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



2	6	9	8	5	4	3	7	1
5	7	3	6	2	1	9	8	4
8	4	1	7	3	9	6	2	5
3	2	8	9	4	7	1	5	6
7	5	4	3	1	6	2	9	8
1	9	6	2	8	5	4	3	7
4	3	2	1	7	8	5	6	9
6	8	5	4	9	3	7	1	2
9	1	7	5	6	2	8	4	3

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## SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

- Under 13 min .....Genius  
13-17 min .....Scholar  
17-21 min .....Smart  
21-25 min .....Not bad  
25+ min .....Keep practising

## Sudoku

**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

4			5	6		7
	7		4	9		2
		5			6	
		8	3	1	7	
2						1
		9	2	5	3	
		7			8	
	5		9	2		4
9		8	3			5

## Recipe of the day



## Teriyaki Swordfish Kebabs with Sweet Chili Noodles

## INGREDIENTS:

- 550 g thick swordfish steaks  
4 small red onions, quartered  
1 large yellow pepper, seeded and cubed  
2 limes, sliced in wedges

## MARINADE:

- 4 tablespoons teriyaki marinade  
1 tablespoon clear honey  
1 teaspoon sesame oil  
1 garlic clove, crushed

## SWEET CHILI NOODLES:

- 250 g fine Chinese egg noodles  
1 tablespoon sunflower oil  
2 garlic cloves, sliced  
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh ginger  
120 g snow peas, sliced  
6 green onions, shredded  
4 tablespoons sweet chili sauce  
2 tablespoons reduced-salt soy sauce

## METHOD:

1. Soak wooden skewers in cold water for 30 minutes. Preheat barbecue.  
2. Cut swordfish into bite-sized pieces. Mix together marinade ingredients in a bowl, add fish and toss to coat. Thread fish

onto skewers, alternating the fish with red onions, peppers and limes.

3. Barbecue kebabs over medium heat until fish is just cooked but still slightly translucent in the centre and golden-brown. Turn kebabs halfway through cooking and baste with remaining marinade.

4. While kebabs are cooking, cook noodles according to package instructions. Drain. Heat oil in a wok over high heat and cook garlic and ginger for 30 seconds. Add snow peas and green onions and stir-fry for 1 minute. Add noodles with the sweet chili and soy sauces, stir and toss together for 2 minutes.

5. Spoon noodle mixture onto plates and top with fish kebabs.

Nutrients per serving: calories 663, carbohydrate 79g, protein 49g, total fat 15 g (saturated fat 3g). **SERVES 4**

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## Horoscopes

## AVATAR VENUS

## ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



Force a modification with your no-nonsense suggestions. Be vigilant about a emotional issue. Take a good look at how to avoid financial havoc.

## LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



Time spent with a needy person leads to a loss of energy. An inferiority complex will come in handy. A furtive lover is to blame for a botched job.

## TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



Lovers will have touching moments. Wake up to the possibility of someone being wrong. Find the hidden value in a loser.

## SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



Watch out for any weird reactions. Analysis will cast doubt on a special advantage. An unexpected visitor can calm your ragged nerves.

## GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



Avoid an absurd confrontation. Someone will be impatient for an improvement. Focus on a man's lame excuse.

## SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



Be prepared to go where the action is. Melodramatic friends will cause mayhem with a budget. Second thoughts will create turmoil.

## CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



It's all right to stop punishing yourself. Unappealing suggestions will concern chores. A stranger's tolerance will surprise and please you.

## CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



An illness has unforeseen consequences. Challenging moves will be the best. Temper tantrums will stop vehicles and traffic.

## LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



People will complain about a misunderstanding. You won't want to leave your comfort zone. Someone is trying to con you.

## AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



A situation is better than it looks. Speak the truth even when you're overwhelmed by daydreams. A man will instigate career projects.

## VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



A hunch should be taken seriously. Someone's complaint will go unheard. Analyze your reactions to an unprovoked insult.

## PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



A sourpuss pays a call. New ventures are strange and thrilling. A wise man's agreement will make a difference.

## This day in history

- SEPT. 26, 1580: Sir Francis Drake circumnavigates the globe.  
SEPT. 26, 1907: New Zealand and Newfoundland each become dominions within the British Empire.  
SEPT. 26, 1908: Ed Reulbach became the first and only pitcher to throw two shutouts in one day against the Brooklyn Dodgers.  
SEPT. 26, 1960: In Chicago, the first televised debate takes place between presidential candidates Richard M. Nixon and John F. Kennedy.  
SEPT. 26, 1960: Fidel Castro announces Cuba's support for the U.S.S.R.  
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